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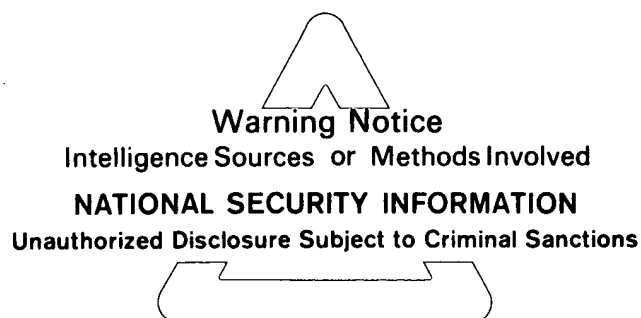
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PROBABLE ADVANCED WEAPONS STORAGE AT AMMUNITION DEPOTS
USSR (SWN)

1. **SIGNIFICANCE:** THE IDENTIFICATION OF A NEW TYPE OF STORAGE BUNKER AT FIVE SOVIET CONVENTIONAL AMMUNITION DEPOTS MAY PRESAGE THE INTRODUCTION AND WIDESPREAD DEPLOYMENT OF ADVANCED GENERATION WEAPONS SYSTEMS, SUCH AS LONG-RANGE CRUISE MISSILES. (SWN)
2. **REMARKS:** FORTY-FOUR OF THE BUNKERS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED OR ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT FOUR AMMUNITION DEPOTS IN THE INTERIOR AND ONE IN A BORDER AREA OF THE USSR. (GRAPHIC 1) (SWN)

A SUMMATION OF DEPOTS INVOLVED FOLLOWS:

DEPOT/BE	COORDINATES	BUNKERS COMPLETE	BUNKERS UNCON
KOTELNICH MIL DPO	58-19-23N	14	2
DX 1	048-39-18E		
NIZHNIY INGASH ALM	56-11-56N	4	2
STR DPO	096-23-33E		
PENZA AF AMMO	53-06-39N	3	4
DEPOT	045-14-49E		
POCHEP SASM/AMMO	52-51-37N	7	3
SPT FAC	033-28-34E		
USHTOBE STOR	45-19-40N	3	2
FAC	077-59-01E		

(THE ABOVE TABLE IS CLASSIFIED SWN)

THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE BUNKERS SUGGEST STORAGE OF ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE COMPONENTS. THE BUNKERS HAVE A 70- BY 14-METER, ARCH-ROOFED STORAGE SECTION WITH AIRLOCK ENTRANCES AT EACH END. THE BUNKERS AT FOUR DEPOTS HAVE LARGE VENTS ABOVE EACH AIRLOCK. THE BUNKERS AT THE DEPOT AT POCHEP HAVE VENTILATION MACHINERY ALONGSIDE THE MID-POINT OF THE ARCH-ROOFED SECTION, AND MAY BE AN EARLIER DESIGN. THE

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CONCERN WITH ENVIRONMENTAL STABILITY THAT IS EVIDENT INDICATES STORAGE OF HIGHLY SENSITIVE COMPONENTS, SUCH AS COMPLEX GUIDANCE PACKAGES. THE BUNKERS ARE DISSIMILAR TO THOSE CURRENTLY USED FOR STORAGE OF EXISTING SURFACE-TO-SURFACE AND AIR-TO-SURFACE MISSILES AIRFRAMES AND REPRESENT A SHARP DEPARTURE FROM THE TYPES OF BUNKERS AND BUILDINGS HERETOFORE USED FOR STORAGE OF CONVENTIONAL AMMUNITION AT THE DEPOTS. AN ASSEMBLY/CHECKOUT FACILITY, PROBABLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE BUNKER STORAGE AREAS, HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED AT THE KOTELNICH (GRAPHIC 2) AND USHTOBE DEPOTS. IT CONSISTS OF FOUR STANDARDIZED BUILDINGS AND A 57- BY 13-METER POSSIBLE ASSEMBLY/CHECKOUT HALL. (SWN)

AT LEAST TWO OF THE DEPOTS, NIZHNIY INGASH AND PENZA (GRAPHIC 3) WHERE AIR-LAUNCHED MISSILES, INCLUDING AS-4 KITCHEN AND AS-6 KINGFISH, HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AND STORED IN EXISTING NON-HARDENED STRUCTURES, ARE KNOWN TO BE SUBORDINATE TO SOVIET AIR FORCES. OTHERS MAY BE CONTROLLED BY THE AIR FORCE OR OTHER BRANCHES OF THE ARMED FORCES. (SWN)

FIVE BUNKERS WERE AT USHTOBE WHEN LAST IMAGED IN JULY 1982. THIS DEPOT IS IN THE CENTRAL ASIAN MILITARY DISTRICT AND IS 580 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF DOLON AIRFIELD [REDACTED] WHILE NO CONNECTION BETWEEN USHTOBE AND DOLON HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED DOLON IS THE FIRST DEPLOYMENT BASE FOR THE NEW BEAR H AIR-LAUNCHED CRUISE MISSILE CARRIER. (SWN)

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ANALYST'S COMMENTS -- ALTHOUGH NO SPECIFIC MISSILE GROUND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN SEEN AT THE DEPOTS, STORAGE OF LONG-RANGE CRUISE MISSILES IS ONE OPTION. BUNKER CONSTRUCTION HAD BEEN INITIATED AT TWO DEPOTS IN 1976, THIS HAS BEEN EXPANDED TO AT LEAST THREE ADDITIONAL DEPOTS AND AN INCREASED NUMBER OF BUNKERS. THIS BUNKER CONSTRUCTION ROUGHLY APPROXIMATES THE DEVELOPMENT AND SINCE THE LATE 1970'S FLIGHT TESTING OF SOVIET LONG-RANGE CRUISE MISSILES INCLUDING THE AIR-LAUNCHED AS-X-15, THE GROUND-LAUNCHED SSC-X-4, AND THE NAVAL SS-NX-21. INITIAL DEPLOYMENT OF AT LEAST SOME OF THESE MISSILE SYSTEMS WILL LIKELY OCCUR IN THE NEAR FUTURE. (SWN)

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SOVIET MILITARY LOGISTICS ORGANIZATIONS ECHELON THE STORAGE OF MATERIAL RESERVES AT THREE DISTINCT LEVELS: CENTRAL, OPERATIONAL, AND TACTICAL. CENTRAL FACILITIES COMPRISE THE STRATEGIC RESERVE AND ARE DIRECTLY SUBORDINATE TO THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AND/OR ARMED FORCES BRANCHES' ARMAMENTS DIRECTORATES. OPERATIONAL FACILITIES SUPPORT MAJOR DEPLOYED FORCES OF A PARTICULAR BRANCH, SUCH AS THE GROUND FORCES OR AIR FORCES OF A MILITARY DISTRICT. THE LOCATION AND SIZE OF THE FIVE AMMUNITION DEPOTS INDICATES THAT FOUR ARE OF CENTRAL SUBORDINATION AND ONE, AT USHTOBE IS AN OPERATIONAL-LEVEL DEPOT. (SWN)

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